

## JURY SENDS KEITH UP FOR FOUR YEARS

**Compromise Reached After Several Hours' Deliberation—New Trial To Be Asked**

Tom Keith, of Lexington, was given four years in the penitentiary on a charge of confederating and conspiring with Lawrence Piercy and Monk Wilson to abduct and assault Peter W. Wells, on the night of last December 2nd.

After several hours of consultation the jury in the Madison circuit court brought in a verdict Tuesday afternoon. The verdict was said to have been in the nature of a compromise. Three or four of the jurymen were said to have favored acquittal of Keith on the ground that he alone of the three men confessed to the deed, and that without his confession nothing might ever have been known of the cause of the mysterious attack on Wells. It is understood that motion and grounds for a new trial will be offered by Keith's attorneys Wednesday morning, and it is probable that an appeal will be taken to the Court of Appeals, in the event these motions are overruled.

Attorneys for Tom Keith scored heavily in his behalf during the final hours of the testimony in his trial Monday afternoon, when they put four witnesses on the stand who flatly contradicted Peter W. Wells' statement that he had told one of the three men who kidnaped him who "was good" to him, or who had tried to prevent them from killing him. In conceding his testimony, Keith declared that he had begged Piercy not to kill Wells. He said that Piercy called him a "chicken-hearted" and told him to get on up the road. Keith declared that he replied, "Well, maybe I am, but I can stand for that." Keith said that in the office of the Sheriff where he was brought over here after his arrest, Wells shook hands with him and said something about thanking him.

Will Rhorer, to whose store at the top of the hill on the Fayette side of the river Wells crawled after he was shot, testified he heard two shots. Clarence Hall was in the store with him at the time. In about 15 minutes a man came in, bloody and badly hurt. The man was Wells. Rhorer said he asked him if he knew who had shot him and he said he didn't. Wells said there were three men in a machine; they had come to his home beyond Richmond and kidnaped him and tried to kill him. They had tried to kill him for a diamond ring, Rhorer said Wells told him. Asked if they had got the ring, Rhorer said Wells said that he had left it at home. Rhorer testified that Wells told him that one of the men tried to keep the man with the pistol from killing him. He said this man told him he could get what he wanted without that. Rhorer also testified that Wells had said one of the men was good to him, that he had given him a handkerchief to wipe the blood from his face.

Clarence Hall, in the store when Wells came in, corroborated Rhorer's testimony. He said that Wells told him and Rhorer that one of the three men "begged off" for him. He said one gave him a handkerchief and was "kinder good to him all the way through."

After Wells had been recalled and had denied telling Chief Thompson anything along this line, Mr. Thompson was put on the stand and testified that Wells had told him that one of the three kidnapers had said to the others: "Don't do that; you can get by without that."

Fred Buchignani and Starling Johnson, of Lexington, to whose places Keith went after the return to Lexington on the night of Dec. 2d, were not allowed to tell the jury what Keith told them of the night's work. The defense had them make avowals to the court stenographer to go

into the records.

Wells was again recalled and denied that he had told ex-Sheriff P. S. Whitlock that he "didn't believe the fleshy man wanted to kill him." Then Mr. Whitlock was put on the stand and swore that Wells had told him that he "didn't believe one of them wanted to kill him." He said Wells said that the others then "called him something and he went on up the road."

This closed the main testimony for the defense. A number of men testified to Keith's good reputation. Several said they knew his reputation was good "when he was sober." Among them were Dick McCormack, former policeman of Lexington; Pete Jenkins, building inspector of Lexington. The prosecution admitted affidavit that a number of other witnesses who did not answer would have testified to Keith's good reputation had they been present. They were Clarence Hicks, Boyd Sandlin, Everett Perry, Tom O'Day, Representative James Park, of Madison county, Representative Rufus Lyle, of Jessamine county, and ex-Representative W. F. Klair, of Fayette county.

Two arguments were made by counsel before the jury before adjournment for the day. Attorney George Wyckoff, of Winchester, spoke for the defense and Attorney A. R. Burnam for the prosecution. Final arguments were made Tuesday morning by Attorney R. C. Oldham for the defense and Commonwealth's Attorney W. J. Baxter for the prosecution.

## HASELDEN MAY BE GILBERT'S OPPONENT

The political correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer says it is tipped that Joseph Haselden, Garrard county, will be the republican candidate for Congress from the Eighth District to battle Judge Ralph Gilbert this fall. Judge Gilbert in 1921 defeated King Swope, republican, by a narrow margin and last fall Haselden defeated Joseph Robinson for U. S. Senate from the 18th district, being the first republican Senator from that region in a quarter of a century. As a reward he will probably be nominated for Congress.

## BEREA GOING TO COLLEGE DEBATE

Berea students have telephoned to Mr. Clarence L. Jones, Centre College, asking that he reserve fifty seats for that institution for the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, which is to be held in this city March 4th. Mr. Jones, of course, has complied. He also asked that Berea bring along her Glee Club, in order that the audience be favored with some fine songs. The Glee Club is second to none in Kentucky and is said to be most excellent.

## MYSTERY OF DEATH JOHN WHITE UNSOLVED

Ashland, Ky., Feb. 28.—Authorities here have been unable to unravel the mystery concerning the death of John G. White, Jr., a young oil man, whose body was found in the vestibule of an office building two blocks from the railroad station here. A coroner's jury held Sunday that he came to his death at the hands of a "party or parties unknown to this body."

White was a nephew of Beverly White, who was slain last April by John Bailey, and the police believe that young White may have been another victim of the notorious Bailey-White feud.

**Rats, Writes J. Adams**  
"Used to have the busiest Restaurant in town until news spread that the kitchen was infested with rats; lost a lot of my best customers until I tried RAT-SNAP. Haven't a pest in the place now. Restaurants should use RAT-SNAP." Three sizes 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by St. Louis and Son and Douglas and Simmons.

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## WIRELESS WONDERS HERE AT HOME

**Young Man in Country Receives Regular Program On Radio Receiving Set**

Lawton Long, just off the Lexington pike, on the Boonesboro road, is making evenings mighty pleasant for guests who drop in with his radio receiving plant. He nightly receives a program from the Pittsburg station and other wireless telephone stations and invites his friends to come in most any evening and hear for themselves the wonder of these messages gathered from the air.

Mr. Long is an expert at building radio receiving sets and offers his services to any who may be interested. He has been building these sets for a year and also had work in the electrical department of the Coyne Trade and Engineering School.

In addition to the lectures, concerts and other forms of entertainment received from the Pittsburg broadcasting station, he hears messages from the Detroit News, Roselle Park N. J., Newark N. J., Chicago, Springfield, Ill., and other wireless sending stations.

The Pittsburg station operates with a regular program for its connections starting Sunday with a sermon. Mr. Long receives a copy of the program for the week which is given below, and indicates what sort of evening's entertainment one may have in his home if equipped with the radio receiving set. The program for the remainder of this week is as follows:

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**  
8 p. m.—"The Qualities of Leadership," by Miss L. Lola Walker, League of Women Voters; weekly talk on dress.  
8:30 p. m.—Popular concert by the Evans' Orchestra under the management of Preston Evans.

**Wednesday, March 1**  
8 p. m.—Message from National Safety Council: "The Bad Check," by W. O. Phillips, cashier of the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburg, Pa.

8:30 p. m.—An excellent program of instrumental and vocal numbers by the Ashbury Orchestra, R. H. Marshall, director.

**Thursday, March 2**  
8 p. m.—"Selecting Your Broker," by Wm. J. McMill, of Moore, Leonard & Lynch, Brokers; "Safety," by John Oartel, chief Director of the Safety Bureau, Carnegie Steel Company, Edgar Thompson Works.

8:30 p. m.—A varied program by an instrumental trio: Harry Renter, first violin; A. H. Renter, second violin and Miss Hilda Renter, pianist. Also soprano solos by Miss Esther Franco from the Monte Carlo and Milan Opera Companies, and piano solos by Miss Florence Warren.

**Friday, March 3**  
8 p. m.—"Pittsburg and Civil Service," by Miss H. Marie Dermit, secretary Civic Club of Allegheny county.

8:30 p. m.—A versatile entertainment by the Glee Club of Washington Seminary, Julia Moss, director.

**Saturday, March 4**  
3 p. m.—Popular entertainment by members of the Carnegie Tech Orchestra.

8 p. m.—"The 1921 Income Tax Laws—General," by R. L. Wickline, Corporation Audit Co.

8:30 p. m.—Orpheus Quartet, Pearl Crawford Van Orsdel, soprano; Maude Johnson Fisher, contralto; Lawrence C. Gibson, tenor; J. Fred Cutler, bass, and Adalaine Merrill Biddle, director and accompanist. Assisted by Julius Glasser, violinist, accompanied by Ruth Glasser, Claudia Lucas Harris, reader.

**Sunday, March 5**  
10:45 a. m.—Services of the First Presbyterian church, Sixth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., Dr. Maitland Alexander, Minister.

3 p. m.—Radio Chapel at Station KDKA, conducted by Dr. L. Walter Mason, pastor First Unitarian church, Pittsburg, Pa.

7:30 p. m.—Services of the Calvary Episcopal church, Shady avenue, Pittsburg, Rev. E. J. Van Eeten, rector.

Entertainments at 7:15 and 8 p. m. are given from the Pittsburg Post Studio.

**FOR SALE**—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs for hatching. Phone Mrs. C. E. Jett. 492

## THOUSANDS CHEER ROYAL WEDDING

**(By Associated Press)**  
London, Feb. 28.—Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, was married today to Viscount Lascelles with all the pomp and dignity befitting a royal wedding.

The ceremony was said in Westminster Abbey in the presence of 2,500 guests and while chimes rang out the happy message, vast crowds tumultuously cheered.

Mary rode with her father, King George, from the palace to the Abbey in a gilded coach with plate glass doors and surmounted by a gilded crown. The crowds on the curb were held back by thousands of troops and the policemen, gave storms of cheers. She was truly a princess in a fairy-like gown, combining a silver sheen of down of tulle, a sparkle of beads with colorings of satin and old lace, which contrasted with a wonderful four and a half yard train of silk embroidered and marked with crystals.

She walked up the Abbey aisle on the arm of her father. She wore a pearl hemmed veil thrown back from her face over a triple diadem of twisted silver and orange blossoms.

After signing the register, the bride and groom made a triumphal return through tumultuous street throngs to Buckingham palace where the wedding breakfast was served. The couple left this afternoon for Shropshire on a royal train to spend the honeymoon.

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY PAYROLL IS TAKEN

**(By Associated Press)**  
Covington, Ky., Feb. 28.—A \$7,000 pay roll of the Cincinnati Southern railroad shops in Ludlow, Ky., was stolen today by four bandits who boarded a street car covered the clerks in charge of the money with guns and on the outskirts of Covington boarded an automobile and escaped.

## S. R. Hurst Has \$600 Fire At Lexington

Fire caused by an overheated stove at the home of S. R. Hurst, member of the firm of Hurst and Company, 206 Bell Court, East, resulted in \$600 damage to the dwelling and contents. The loss was placed at \$400 on the building and \$200 on the contents. Further loss was prevented by the prompt action of the central fire department, which answered the call.—Lexington Herald.

Mr. Hurst formerly lived here and has a number of friends who will be sorry to know of his loss.

## Chamber of Commerce Tonight

An organization meeting of the newly formed Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at the American Legion hall at 7:30 o'clock. Reports will be heard from the Membership committee and it is possible that formal organization may be effected by election of officers and other business.

## Western Union Ordered Off L. & N. Right-of-way

Washington, Feb. 28.—The condemnation suit of the Western Union Telegraph Company to acquire a right of way along the Louisville and Nashville railroad which has been pending for nine years, was finally disposed of by the Supreme Court Monday in a decision in favor of the company.

## WEST TO CONCENTRATE KENTUCKY WHISKY

Washington, Feb. 28.—William F. West, of Lancaster, Assistant Prohibition Commissioner, who will have charge of concentrating whisky supply of the country in as few warehouses as possible, will begin his work in his home state. Mr. West said today he would begin the work of concentrating the liquor in Kentucky in about a week. Of the total whisky in the United States in bonded warehouses, 24,000,000 gallons are in Kentucky. Pennsylvania has 6,000,000 gallons. The remaining 5,000,000 gallons is scattered throughout the various states.

## MURDER CASE SET FOR TRIAL WEDNESDAY

**Frank Garrett and Oscar Rucker To Face Charge of Shooting Oliver VanSant To Death**

The murder cases against Oscar Rucker and Frank Garrett, young men of the Boottown section, charged with shooting Oliver VanSant as he was driving home in a car several weeks ago, was set for Tuesday morning in circuit court. A witness named VanWinkle failed to answer to his name and the Commonwealth said it could not try without him, so Deputy Sheriff Ben Davis was sent to bring him in which he did in the afternoon. The case then went over till Wednesday morning.

The bond of Jesse Owens, a Winchester negro, charged with false swearing, was declared forfeit by Judge Shackelford when Owens failed to answer when his name was called Tuesday. Judge M. Benton, of Winchester, was on the bond. Owens was charged with having sworn falsely in connection with the cases of the three Winchester negroes who were caught with a lot of moonshine whisky one night by the Richmond police. He swore he knew nothing of the matter. But a little later the driver of the car confessed that it belonged to Owens and that Owens had sent them after the liquor.

On a liquor violation charge, Ben Schlegel was given a fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail. M. H. Wells was acquitted of a charge of carrying concealed of a deadly weapon.

Charles Estill was given 30 days in jail on a charge of netting larceny. George Sparks, Bert Lunsford and Winston Cuyler, who were captured by Sheriff Deaton on one of his moonshine raids, were given \$300 fines and 60 days in jail each on liquor law violation charges.

## HARDING TO GIVE SHIP TRUST \$32,000,000

**(By Associated Press)**  
Washington, Feb. 28.—The administration's plan for government aid for the American merchant marine was presented to Congress today by President Harding with the declaration that the influence of the United States in the world's council is "sure to be measured by that unfading standard which is found in the nation's merchant marine." The plan contemplated a subsidy of \$32,000,000 annually to be paid to American ship owners by diversion of ten per cent of the nation's custom receipts. Bills embodying the plan are ready for introduction immediately.

## BANK ROBBERS GET \$30,000

**(By Associated Press)**  
Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—Five armed bandits today held up and robbed a branch of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company and escaped with \$30,000 in cash.

## Bowling Green Doctor Drops Dead on Street

Bowling Green, Feb. 28.—Dr. James L. Neel, 72, a practicing physician for 50 years, dropped dead on a street here today of hemorrhage of the brain.

## Bootleggers Now Held In Hollywood Mystery

**(By Associated Press)**  
Los Angeles, Feb. 28.—Two men were taken into custody by police here today and are being held for investigation in connection with the murder of Wm. Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, Feb. 1st. The men are said to be members of a "bootleggers' gang" which operated extensively in the Hollywood section.

The men with four others were taken into custody in a raid in what police term a narcotic den. The arrests followed 20 hours' investigation on information which, police said, purported to be threats against the life of Taylor uttered a short time before Taylor's mysterious slaying. The men are being held for questioning.

## Today's Livestock Markets

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 28.—Cattle steady; hogs 25c higher; Chicago 5c to 10c higher.

Louisville, Feb. 28.—Cattle 300 steady and unchanged; hogs 120c 15c to 25c higher, tops \$11; sheep 50, steady and unchanged.

## ENGLAND WITHDRAWS EGYPT PROTECTORATE

**(By Associated Press)**  
London, Feb. 28.—Lloyd-George announced today that the British protectorate over Egypt has terminated.

Egypt, with its population of 10,000,000 Fellahs, Copts, and approximately 100,000 foreigners, is nominally a part of the Turkish Empire, but virtually has constituted a dependency of England. Its government is an hereditary monarchy whose head, from 1892 to 1914, was the Khedive Abbas Hilmi.

The strong pro-German and pro-Turkish attitude of Abbas Hilmi early in the war led to his deposition and he was succeeded by his uncle, the former Prince Ahmed Fuad, at one time president of the University of Egypt, who was invested with the title of Sultan Hussein Kemal.

Several factions exist in Egypt, all of them committed to independence of greater freedom from British rule. The present disturbed conditions followed the rejection, by an Egyptian delegation representing the Sultan, of a proposed convention by the British government providing for a termination of the protectorate which has continued since 1914 and for new measures of native administration under British control.

British interest in Egypt, whose Suez Canal makes it the empire's highway to India and the rich regions of the East, really dates from 1848 when the railroad from Alexandria to Cairo was started. The country was invaded by Napoleon in 1798 and the French were expelled in 1801 but later for many years they occupied a predominant position in the affairs of the country. In 1856, when French influence was at its height, Ferdinand de Lesseps was granted a concession for the construction of the Suez Canal, which was completed in 1869. Meanwhile the British had established a telegraph company and the Bank of Egypt. Prime Minister Disraeli of England, about this time strengthened the position of the British by purchasing from the profligate Khedive Ismail \$20,000,000 worth of Suez shares.

Ismail, after having lost thousands of lives and wasted vast sums in conflict with Abyssinia and in extending his dominion in the Sudan, was deposed in 1879 and his son, Tewfik Pasha, was appointed his successor. British control of the canal continued until 1883 when the French withdrew by agreement with England to devote their attention to Morocco.

The permanent military occupation of Egypt by the British was followed in 1884 by the revolt of the Mahdists or religious fanatics, armed followers of a supposed Mohammedan messiah, General Charles George ("Chibres") Gordon, who was sent by the British government to the Sudan to assist the khedive in withdrawing the garrisons of the country which could hold out no longer against the Mahdi, was besieged for months at Khartoum and killed in the storming of the city on January 26, 1885. Subsequently, the revolt was put down. General Kitchener opened the road to Khartoum and Egyptian sway in that region was established by the British army in 1898. In the work of developing Egypt along modern lines, Gladstone, "The Great Commoner" of England, had no small part.

## Drowned When Ice Broke

Hartford, Ky., Feb. 28.—Ellis Bishop, 27 years old, was drowned here when the ice broke while he was skating on a pond. Efforts of his companions to rescue him failed. His body was recovered three hours later.

## SAPIRO TO ORGANIZE CANADIAN FARMERS

**Success With Fruit, Tobacco and Cotton Growers Attracts Attention—More Poolers**

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 28.—Aaron Sapiro, general counsel for the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, who arrived in Lexington Monday from the southwest, has accepted an invitation of the government of the province of Ontario, Canada, to come to Ontario, Canada, and assist in the organization of the growers of soft fruits, tobacco, garlic and dairy products in the province.

The attention of the Canadian officials was attracted by the success of the brilliant Californian in organizing the tobacco growers of Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, the cotton growers of the south and southwest and the prune, raisin and orange growers of California.

Mr. Sapiro said the Arkansas cotton growers have gone over the top with their organization, the sixth such organization in the south to form co-operative marketing associations. The tobacco grower of the bright belt, including the Carolinas, have 67,000 members, about 10,000 more than the Burley Association, and more are coming in.

Members of the Central District Warehousing Corporation met in the offices of Director of Warehouses Ralph M. Barker in Fayette Warehouse No. 1 at Lexington Monday and papers were signed transferring the contracts under which the Burley Tobacco Growers Co-operation holds possession of the warehouses of the Central District to the warehousing corporation. Similar action is to be taken this week in the other warehousing districts of the burley belt.

Warehouses in the Eastern District and of the Ohio District will meet at Maysville Wednesday. Warehouses of the Central district will meet in Lexington Thursday, those of the Western district at Shelbyville Friday and those of the Northern and Indiana districts at Carrollton on Saturday. Director Barker will attend all these meetings at which the owners of the warehouse properties will sign leases with the subsidiary corporation, under which the properties will be operated by the subsidiaries until the deeds to the property pass, which will be about June 15 under the original contract with the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association.

Jim H. Caldwell, of Bourbon was in Lexington Monday and reported an average advance on his entire production in Bourbon of 53,421 pounds of \$10.18. For 19,400 pounds of this he received an advance of \$1302 a hundred. Mr. Caldwell said that two of his tenants received more money as advances on their share of the crops than they had been paid for their entire crops last year.

Chief of the Field Service Division Joseph Passomean reported that receipt of about fifty contracts Monday, but they had not been tabulated last night and acreage was not given out. Col. Passomean said, however, that contracts are coming in every day. One of the best known of recent signers is Hon. Eli H. Brown, Jr., of Louisville, former speaker of Kentucky House of Representatives and former member of the Board of Prison Commissioners, who owns a farm in Nelson county and who signed up 22,000 pounds to the Association.

## Card of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the sympathy and kindness during the illness and death of our husband and father, especially, Bro. F. N. Tindler, those who sang and Mr. Blakeman the undertaker.—Mrs. J. N. Hughes, and family.

## Peculiar Jail Release

**(By Associated Press)**  
Seymour, Ky., Feb. 28.—Police are making efforts to discover the person who broke the outside lock on the city jail here, smashed the lock of the city jail here, smashed a prisoner who was wanted in Henderson on a charge of selling liquor illegally.